THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) ITDC runs the following 9 hotels in Delhi:—

1. Ashok Hotel
2. Janpath Hotel
3. Qutab Hotel
4. Akbar Hotel
5. Lodhi Hotel
6. Ranjit Hotel
7. Hotel Samrat
8. Kanishka Hotel
9. Ashok Yatri Niwas

(b) and (c) Hotel Samrat New Delhi was constructed last and it commenced business w.e.f. 14-11-1982. There are 264 rooms in the Hotel as under:—

Category	No. of rooms
Suites	2
Apartments	13
Double rooms	44
Twin bedded rooms	205

The average room occupancy of this Hotel during the current year 1985-86 (Upto January 1986) is 77 per cent.

Casual watchmen employed by FCI in Punjab

224. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 'regular' and 'casual' watchmen respectively employed by the Food Corporation of India in Punjab;

(b) whether it is a fact that these 'casual' watchmen have been employed by the FCI for a period upto six years without regularising their services; and

(c) what are the details of the duties or functions and also the remuneration of the aforesaid 'regular' and 'casual' watchmen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) There are 1517 FCI watchmen working in the Punjab Region of Food Corporation of India. The details regarding number of regular and casual watchmen in position separately are not readily available.

(b) The casual watchmen have been engaged by FCI on deployment basis from Punjab Home Guards and as such the question of their regularisation in the service of the FCI does not arise. Some of these watchmen have been engaged for more than five years.

(c) The duties and functions of the regular and casual watchmen while engaged in FCI are the same. Whereas the regular watchmen of the Corporation are in the pay scales of Rs. 210—290, the casual watchmen of the Punjab Home Guards are being paid emoluments by FCI as per the rates approved by the State authorities.

Smuggling of Narcotics into India from Pakistan

225. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARDAWAJ:

SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI:

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of narcotics of different varieties seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence while being smuggled into India from Pakistan during the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and so far during 1986;

(b) what are the main reasons for the said trend; and

(c) what specific measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, has not seized any narcotic drugs during the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto January) while being smuggled into India from Pakistan across the border.

However, details of the narcotic drugs seized in the Indo-Pak border region by the various enforcement agencies during the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 are given below:—

Year	Qnantity of drugs seized (in kgs.)		
	Heroin	Opium	Hashish
1983	21	3390	654
1984	101	7118	541
1985	520	882	527

The aforesaid seizures and seizures effected elsewhere indicate a trend that India is becoming increasingly vulnerable as a transit country for smuggling of narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances from the South Asian region, including Pakistan, to the Western countries.

(c) The anti-smuggling drive in general has been intensified in the Indo-Pak border sector. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs department in the region has been reinforced in terms of man-power and equipment. In addition, appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in close co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. The trends in smuggling and seizures made in the region are kept under constant review for taking appropriate remedial action as warranted.

Non-payment of Salaries to the Staff in the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts

226. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff including the Assistant Directors in the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts are not being paid their salaries regularly; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken for making regular payment of salaries to all the staff so as to remove the hardship being faced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The salary of the staff including the Assistant Directors in the office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts is being paid regularly, as and when due.

(b) Does not arise.

Carpet weaving training centre, Bikapur, Uttar Pradesh

227. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after starting a training programme at the Carpet Weaving Training Centre at Bikapur in Faizabad District of Uttar Pradesh during September-October, 1985 and after the continuance of the training for 16 days, the training was stopped and again fresh interviews were held to restart the training at the same Centre;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;